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1. FOLLOWING EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH MIN KITCHEN, DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE VAN GORKOM APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT JUNE 12 TO REITERATE
DUTCH INTEREST IN MAKING PROPOSAL TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL TO USE
SOME FUNDS FROM UNDP RESERVE FOR PROJECTS TO AID POPULATIONS IN " LIBERATED TERRITORIES", I. E. AREAS OF ANGOLA, MAZAMBIQUE AND PRESUMABLY GUINEA BISSAU. VAN GORKOM WAS VAGUE ON SPECIFICS BUT SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE MATTER AND WOULD HAVE MORE DETAILS LATER AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY DUTCH GOVERNMENT. BENNETT REPEATED KITCHEN' S EARLIER NEGATIVE REACTION AND ASSERTED PROJECTS OF
THIS NATURE WHICH GREW OUT OF EMOTIONAL DESIRE TO MEET SOCIAL NEEDS OF AFRICAN POPULATIONS WERE DISTORTION OF UNDP PROGRAM. HE NOTED VAN GORKOM HAD REFERRED TO " LIBERATED TERRITORIES" WHEREAS REFERENCES
IN PAST HAD BEEN IN CONTEXT OF AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. VAN GORKOM CITED RES 2918 OF THE 27 TH UNGA AS EMPLOYING
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THIS NEW TERMINOLOGY. HE DENIED DUTCH APPROVAL WAS MOTIVATED OUT OF EMOTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS AND SIAD HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO MEET HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF POPULATION. BENNETT PROMISED TO BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION USG BUT EXPRESSED VIEW
THIS IDEA A DISTORTION OF UN CHARTER AND UNDP OBJECTIVES.

2. BRITISH INDIGNANT OVER THIS DUTCH INITIATIVE AND GERMANS AND FRENCH REPORTEDLY ALSO UNHAPPY WITH IDEA. HOT CLEAR YET HOW FAR SPLIT MAY DEVELOP IN GROUP OF 9. DUTCH TAKING POSITION THAT, IF THEY WERE TO DROP IDEA, CT WOULD BE PICKED UP AND PUSHED BY SWEDEN AND UPPER VOLTA. DEPARTMENT' S VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MEANWHILE,
WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO REACT NEGATIVELY ALONG LINES OF CONTINGENCY PAPER PREPARED FOR RECENT WHA. US DEL UNDERSTANDS SAME ISSUE RAISED
AT RECENT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD. WOULD APPRECIATE ALL PERTINENT INFO AND OUTCOME ANY DEBATE. BASSIN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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